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MATERIALS IN CRITICALLY SHORT SUPPLY IN THE GDR (249 pp; German; 1950/51)

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This report consists of photostats of business correspondence of the Ministry for Machine-Building and Electrical Goods in the German Democratic Republic, including allocation plans, requests for materials in short supply, suggestions for eliminating bottleneck in industry, etc.

Of special interest are items pointing out that certain materials, e.g., mica, shellac, aluminum foil, cadmium, selenium, bismuth, electrodes, and some types of wire, are in critically short supply. Special emphasis is placed on mica supplies; this report contains a list of mica deliveries in 1950, correspondence regarding imports of mica (from Western Germany by way of Western Berlin, from Switzerland), etc. On pp. 61/2 mention is made of mica purchases from the firm Heinz Pfeiffer, Hamburg, used for indirect reparation deliveries; pp. 80/82 contain an appraisal of the world mica market, made by H. Pfeiffer, Hamburg, Fabriciusstrasse 51, dated 10 November 1950; pp. 90/92 mention experiments made with mica substitutes; pp. 198/200, dated 6 February 1951, deal with the mica situation and industrial requirements for it (dire need for mica imports); and p. 215, dated 26 January 1951, mentions the firm Alfred L. Wolff, Hamburg 11, as a possible future mica supplier.

Other items in this report are: correspondence concerning the delivery of materials for a giant rectifier installation in the Bitterfeld Aluminum Electrolysis Plant; changes in top personnel in the IFA, Polygraph, and MWM federations of people-owned enterprises (names of the replaced and newly appointed persons are given); import quotas of metallurgical products; expected plan fulfillments of several electrical enterprises for the first quarter of 1951; and work plans of the Ministry for Machine-Building for the second quarter of 1951.

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